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SUBJECT: SADAT CALLS FOR PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE; CONTINUES  
HIGH PRAISE OF PRESIDENT FORD.

1. CAIRO PRESS JUNE 18, IN REPORTING PRESIDENT SADAT'S AN-NAHAR  
(GHASSAN TUWAYNI) INTERVIEW PUBLISHED JUNE 17 IN BEIRUT, HEADLINES  
SADAT'S CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT  
AND FOR RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE BEFORE END OF 1975.  
GUMHURIYYA CARRIES ADDITIONAL HEADLINE: "I SAID TO FORD: AMERICA  
HAS TO CLEARLY DEFINE HER STAND AND US PRESIDENT WAS ONE HUNDRED  
PERCENT RESPONSIVE."

2. ARTICLES QUOTE AT SOME LENGTH SADAT'S COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT  
FORD AND US ROLE: "I INSIST TO AMERICA THAT WE GO TO GENEVA  
DURING...1975, BECAUSE NEXT YEAR IS AN ELECTION YEAR IN THE US  
AND PRESIDENT FORD CANNOT MAKE DEFINITE DECISIONS...FORD COMES  
FROM THE MIDWEST WHERE PEOPLE ARE MOSTLY FARMERS. IN OUR  
FARMERS, FOR EXAMPLE, WE FIND SOUND CHARACTER, STABILITY,  
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SIMPLICITY, FRANKNESS AND ABLITY TO COME DIRECTLY TO THE

POINT. I AM HAPPY TO SEE THESE QUALITIES IN MR FORD...I CAN SAY THE MAN WANTS A SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM; IN FACT HE IS DETERMINED...BECAUSE OF THE GAP BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE CONGRESS, WHICH ISRAEL FEELS, AMERICA CANNOT SUCCEED WITHOUT FORCING ON ISRAEL THE SUBJECT OF ENDING THE WAR..."

3. SADAT WENT ON TO SAY THAT PALESTINIANS SHOULD FORM PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE "AMERICA CANNOT, AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE HOLD CONTACTS WITH A LIBERATION MOVEMENT, BUT IT CAN CONTACT A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT".

4. COMMENT: THROUGHOUT LATE MAY ARAB TOUR AND SALZBURG SUMMIT, SADAT WAS CAREFUL TO LEAVE QUESTION OF FORM OF PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE OPEN, REMARKING REPEATEDLY THAT THIS WAS MATTER THAT MUST BE DECIDED UPON AMONG PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES. SADAT'S CALL IN AN-NAHAR INTERVIEW FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE IS REVERSAL OF HIS PREVIOUS UNWILLINGNESS TO TAKE PUBLIC STAND ON ISSUE, ALTHOUGH IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH US CONGRESSMEN, HE HAS PREDICTED THAT PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE WOULD BE FORMED SOON. FACT THAT CALL IS COUCHED IN TERMS OF US CONTACTS WITH PALESTINIANS WILL ATTRACT FURTHER CRITICISM FROM USUAL ARAB QUARTERS (QUADHAAFI AND NEW-FOUND PALESTINIAN BEDMATES) THAT SADAT IS IRRETRIEVABLY IN US POCKET. SADAT'S CONTINUED VERY HIGH PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT FORD CAN ONLY ADD MORE FUEL TO CRITICS' FIRES. UNABATED URGENCY OF SADAT'S CALL FOR US TO "DECLARE ITS STAND" IS INDICATIVE OF ANXIETY WITH WHICH EGYPTIANS AWAIT COMPLETION OF US POLICY REASSESSMENT.  
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